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ALUKSNE MRBM LAUNCH AREA 3,
ALUKSNE MRBM LAUNCH COMPLEX, USSR



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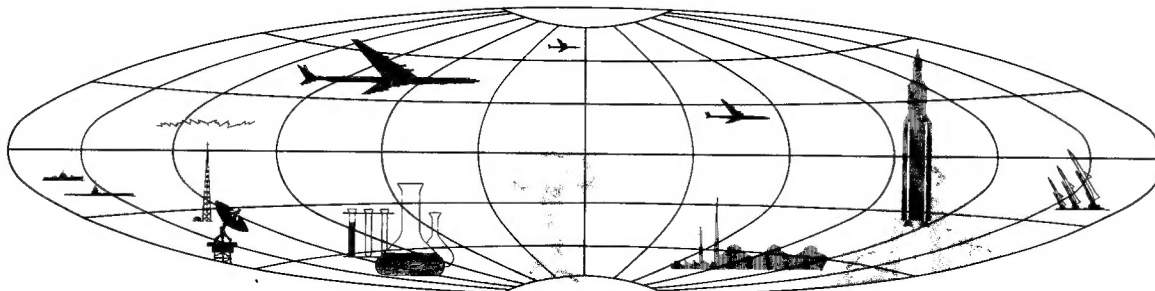
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A newly identified hardened MRBM launch area (Figure 1), Aluksne MRBM Launch Area 3 (Lejasciems IRBM Launch Site 2), is located in Latvia, 3.8 nm SSW of Lejasciems and 20 nm SW of Aluksne. This hardened MRBM launch area and the two soft elongated-pad MRBM launch areas previously identified comprise the Aluksne MRBM Launch Complex.

This Type IV MRBM launch area contains a secured launch site with a mounded control bunker circumvented by a loop road serving the

two launch silos, which are positioned 225 feet apart; a probable portal silo located 260 feet to the west of the northern launch silo; and an unidentified structure located 260 feet to the west of the southern launch silo. The access road enters the launch site on an azimuth of approximately 90 degrees.

A site support facility, located approximately 5,000 feet WNW of the launch site, contains two buildings (150 by 40 feet) and at least seven other buildings (125 by 35 feet).

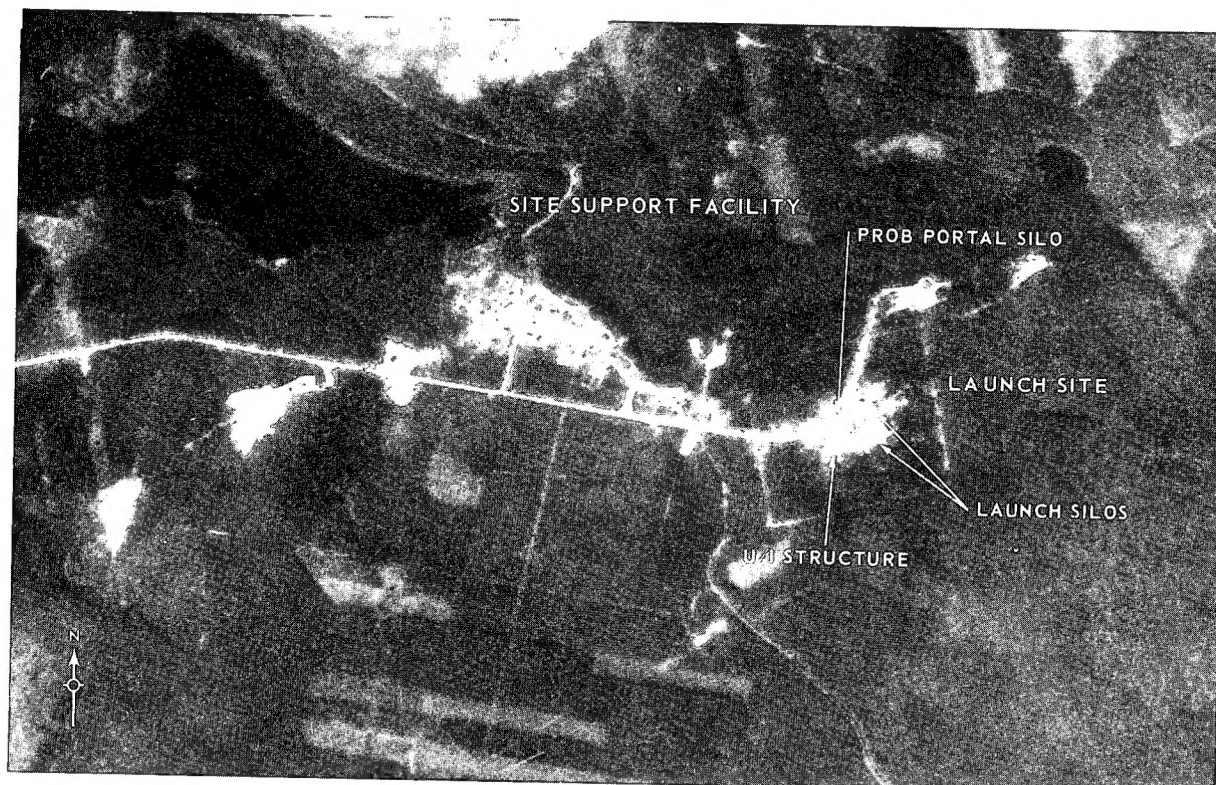


FIGURE 1. ALUKSNE MRBM LAUNCH AREA 3, ALUKSNE MRBM LAUNCH COMPLEX, [REDACTED] NPIC H-4017 (8/63)

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